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Indonesia Requires Wood Sustainability Certification

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Report Highlights:

Indonesian Ministry of Trade (MOT) Regulation 78/2014 establishes provisions for the import of wood and wood products to Indonesia. Importers will be required to obtain import approval, which will be issued following the importer's provision of proof that the wood product was legally harvested. Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MEF) regulation 7/2015 establishes the general terms by which an importer can provide proof of legal harvest and sustainability. Implementation of 78/2014 is delayed until January 1, 2016, as specified per MOT Regulation 63/2015.

General Information:

Indonesian Ministry of Trade (MOT) Regulation 78/2014 establishes provisions for the import of wood and wood products to Indonesia. Importers will be required to obtain import approval, which will be issued following the importer's provision of proof that the wood product was legally harvested. As per Regulation 78, proof of legal harvest must be provided by the relevant authority in the country of origin. This proof must be presented to Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MEF), which then provides an import recommendation to the importer. After the import recommendation is issued, MOT will issue an import approval.

MEF regulation 7/2015 establishes the criteria for importers to demonstrate that wood has been legally harvested. The regulation lists the following five options:

- 1) Forest Law Enforcement, Governance, Trade (FLEGT) license from countries where FLEGT license is enforced as implementation from FLEGT-Voluntary Partnership Agreement.
- 2) Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) country license from countries that have a recognition agreement with Indonesia on timber legality assurance.
- 3) Country Specific Guidelines (CSG) on the legality of forest products, regulated by the exporting countries.
- 4) Certificate from a certifying agency attesting to the legality, sustainability, and traceability of forest products.
- 5) Reference letter from the authority of the forest product's country of harvest/origin on the legality or sustainability of forest products.

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Post Comment: Post is working with USDA/Washington and industry to develop a preferred format to suggest to MEF. Industry organizations able to issue sustainability/traceability certificates will provide samples to Post for approval by MEF. A copy of MEF Regulation 7/2015 can be found at the following link: [MOEF Regulation 7/2015](#).